


MEMORANDUM

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Director, Division of Air Program Coordination

SUBJECT: Annual Air Permitting Report for FY 2003

DATE: November 18, 2003

COPIES: Charles Turner, Air Permit Managers

Please find attached a copy of the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2003 prepared by the Office of Air Permit Programs. This is the first time OAPP has created such a report.

This report is intended not only to inform Executive Management and agency staff of DEQ air permitting activities but also to inform the public.

The report summarizes DEQ's air permitting program and its activities for FY 2003, including staffing levels and number and types of permit actions. The report analyzes activities across different categories of air permits administered by DEQ, including Title V, minor New Source Review, major New Source Review (nonattainment and Prevention of Significant Deterioration), State Operating Permits, Title IV Acid Rain Operating Permits, and General Permits (under minor NSR regulations).

The report discusses issues that have affected air permitting this past year as well as issues and challenges for FY 2004 and beyond. Among these issues are Title V deadlines, implications of designation and redesignation of nonattainment areas, effects of the NOx SIP call and emissions trading, state and federal NSR rule changes, the Dominion Virginia Power consent decree, and hazardous air pollutant related issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions about this report or contact Rodney Sobin, who served as primary author. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Monica Harvey, who collected data and created tables and graphs, and the cooperation of OAPP and regional office staff who provided information and insight that strengthened this report.